GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department – Case under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against Sri T.Vasudeva Rao, Jr.Assistant, Small Savings Section, O/o.District Collector & Magistrate, West Godavari District - AO trapped on 27-09-2002 during the surprise check conducted by ACB officials- AO Retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31-10-2002 - Charge Sheet filed vide CC No.02/2004 - AO convicted by the Trial Court - AO filed Crl.Appeal No.421/2008 before the Hon'ble High Court of AP - Appeal Allowed and set aside the conviction orders - Not a fit case to prefer SLP - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIG.V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 646 Dated: 19-09-2024

Read the following:

1. From the DG, ACB Final Report Rc no.300/RCO-EWG/2002, dt. 02-08-2003.
2. Govt Memo No.60741/Vig.IV(3)/2002-3, dated 29-08-2003.
3. G.O.Rt.No.1881, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept., dated 29-09-2003
4. Judgment dated 18-03-2008 in CC No.02/2004 of the Spl.Judge for SPE&ACB Cases, Vijayawada.
5. GO Ms No.1179, Rev (Vig.VII) Dept., dated 13-10-2008.
6. Judgment dated 21-12-2023 from the Hon’ble High Court of AP in Crl.Appeal No.421/2008.
7. From the DG, ACB letter Rc.No.300/RCO-EWG/2002, dated 05-07-2024.

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ORDER :

Whereas it is brought to the notice of the Government that Sri T. Vasudeva Rao, Junior Assistant, Small Savings section, O/o. District Collector, West Godavari district was trapped on 27-9-2002 during the surprise check conducted by the ACB Officials on 27-9-2002 on the allegation of collecting bribe of Rs.20,490/- from the Small Savings Agents. The DG, ACB in his final report in the reference 1st read above has recommended that the AO.1 may be prosecuted in a Court of Law and the AO.2 Smt. GGSN Bayamma may be dealt with departmentally for her failure in duty.

2. Accordingly, Government vide Memo 2nd read above instructed the District Collector, West Godavari to initiate departmental action and simultaneously in the GO 3rd read above, Govt. have accorded permission, to DG, ACB to prosecute him in a court of law. The individual was retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.10.2002.

3. Whereas in the reference 4th read above, the Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases, Vijayawada has pronounced its judgment on 18-3-2008 convicting the A.O. under various sections and imposed sentence of imprisonment.

4. In the reference 5th read above, Government imposed a punishment of withholding pension and gratuity in full permanently in respect of Sri T. Vasudeva Rao, Junior Assistant, Small Savings Section, O/o. Dist.Collector, West Godavari District (retired) as the delinquent was convicted by the ACB Court in CC No.02/2004, dated 18-03-2008.

5. The AO filed Criminal Appeal No. 421 of 2008 before the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh against the conviction orders of the trial court. The Hon'ble High Court after final hearing pronounced Judgement on 21.12.2023 that the Criminal Appeal filed by the AO is allowed by setting aside the conviction orders of the trial court vide reference 6th read above.

6. In the reference 7th read above, the DG, ACB has opined that there are no grounds to prefer to file Special Leave Petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India against the judgment of Hon'ble High Court of AP of acquittal of Sri T. Vasudeva Rao, Junior Assistant, Small Savings section, O/o. Dist.Collector, West Godavari District (retired) and requested the Government to issue final orders in the case.

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7. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby agreed to the request of the DG, ACB in the reference 8th read above and thereby decided to abide by the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of AP dated 21-12-2023 in Crl.Appeal No.421/2008 and hence further action against Sri T. Vasudeva Rao, Junior Assistant, Small Savings section, O/o. Dist.Collector, West Godavari District (retired) dropped forthwith.

8. The Collector & District Magistrate, West Godavari District shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.P.SISODIA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri T. Vasudeva Rao, Junior Assistant, Small Savings section, O/o. Dist.Collector, West Godavari District (retired) through the Collector, West Godavari.

The Collector & District Magistrate, West Godavari District
Copy to:
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Mangalagiri.
The Secretary, APVC, AP Secretariat.
The DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada.
Sf/Sc.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER